GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PROFICIENCY TEST FOR PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new directive of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has made it mandatory for serving pilots and Air Traffic Controllers to go through a proficiency test in English language;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), Section 7, Series G, Part III, making it mandatory only for serving pilots to go through proficiency test in English language. The CAR is available on the official website of DGCA.

(c): The requirement regarding language proficiency in English language for Pilots is in accordance with the norms prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.